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**Activity II**

In *Ender's Game*, the title "Third" becomes a vicious slur used by the other children to ridicule, insult, and threaten Ender. In fact, Ender is subject to a large amount of swearing and offensive language.

Record all the slurs and insults used against Ender in the first two chapters:

Now, take a moment to consider how these words affect Ender. Remember that he has just lost his monitor and that he considers himself to be a failure, because he is afraid that he has not passed the government test and has been deemed useless.

What slurs and insults have you been faced with in your life? Have you ever been in a situation when you failed at something – a test, maybe – or were especially vulnerable, and other children were insensitive to your feelings and hurt you? Have you ever used insults without considering how they might affect others? Take a moment to collect your memories and write a short essay or poem in which you reflect on your experiences with insults that may have been hurtful to you or to someone else.

This activity could be one that you would not have to share with the class, unless you strongly believe that people might benefit from your views on name-calling and insults.